



Attorney Docket No. SPO-590  
MAIL STOP RCE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 1754  
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KOMATSU; ISHIDA; IGARASHI; ) Examiner: Wayne A. Langel  
KONDO; MINAGAWA; SATO; SATO )  
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Serial No. 09/786,427 )  
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Filed: March 06, 2001 )  
  
For: **ZINC-MODIFIED COMPOSITE POLYBASIC SALT,  
METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME AND USE  
THEREOF**

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
**MAIL STOP RCE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of October 22, 2003, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on January 22, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and the appropriate fee.

In view of the following remarks and claim amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and allow all claims as presently claimed in this application.